

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The city of Dante was founded in 1908, and named after the original landowner, H.T. Mayo, as the community of Mayo; and,

Whereas, In 1910, after the railroad line was completed in that area, railroad officials asked citizens to consider renaming the community before they would build a depot, the townspeople chose the name, Dante, and a depot was built; and,

Whereas, Dante has a Czech heritage, and a Catholic Church was built in 1910, which continues to provides services to this day; and,

Whereas, Many businesses soon appeared – a hardware store, car dealership, grain elevator, grocery store, café and pool hall, blacksmith shop, stockyards, and bank, and many homes were also built in 1910, that are still occupied today; and,

Whereas, In 1937, many local men were employed by the WPA Program to build the Dante Auditorium that continues to serve the community well for wedding dances, anniversary celebrations, dart tournaments, auction sales, and benefits, with profits from lunch and refreshment sales all helping to defray town expenses; and,

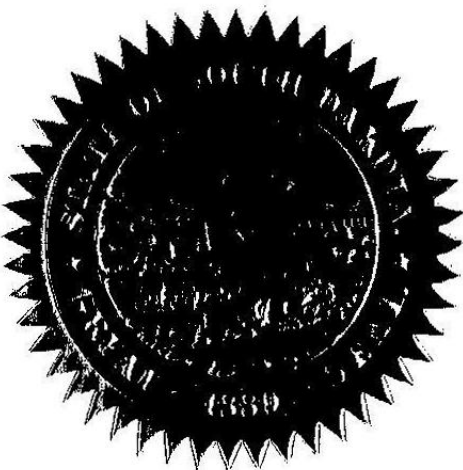
Whereas, On June 11-13, 2010, Dante will celebrate its 100th Anniversary demonstrating a strong community spirit from "Generations of Good Times":

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 11-13, 2010, as

DANTE CENTENNIAL DAYS

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.



M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State